

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is one thing if something appears on local or national news. It is also different if something is produced by a political party or a particular group such as the MoveOn or Veterans' groups. That's politics. I might not like the message but still, that's politics. It is quite another matter for a private company to try to influence an election in this way. I hope that the FCC will stop this misuse of the public airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.